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REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments, which have greatly  
5 assisted Applicant in responding.

Applicant amended independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 24 to further clarify the invention. Support is found throughout the specification and Applicant submits that no new matter was added.

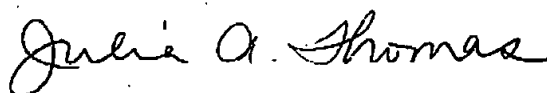
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It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 24 solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendment, Applicant has not and does not in any way  
15 narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to be entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished from  
5 the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the  
~~rejections raised in the above referenced Final Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance~~  
is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a  
United States patent. The Examiner is invited to call to discuss the response. The  
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any  
10 overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1445.

15 Respectfully Submitted,



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